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## **GIPSA Settles a Case with Blaine Quick Resulting in a \$850 Penalty**

**WASHINGTON**, Oct. 8, 2015 – Blain Quick, Mansfield, Ark., waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA), and agreed to pay a penalty of \$850 after GIPSA found that he fraudulently marked-up the price when acting as a market agency buying on commission, failed to render a true written account of the purchase; and fraudulently marked-up the weight when acting as a market agency buying on commission without a supporting scale ticket.

GIPSA enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the P&S Act. GIPSA may offer alleged violators the option of waiving their right to a hearing and entering into a stipulation agreement to quickly resolve alleged violations.

The P&S Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.

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